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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Legislative Counsel

Honorable Don Fuqua, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Space Science  
and Applications  
Committee on Science and Technology  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman: *Don:*

We have completed our review of the access of Dr. Charles S. Sheldon II, Library of Congress, to classified foreign intelligence for use as background in preparing unclassified studies on international space activities for the staff. My staff had discussions on this matter with Mr. James Wilson on your staff subsequent to your letter to me on behalf of Dr. Sheldon.

Agency representatives met on several occasions with Dr. Sheldon and discussed the extent and scope of his requirements for classified intelligence to carry out his work. We explained the Director's program to limit access to compartmented classified intelligence requiring special clearance to the strictest application of need to know both within the Executive and the Congress. We showed Dr. Sheldon examples of noncompartmented classified intelligence publications and special reports on his subject of interest and assured him that this material provided for his review on a continuing basis, would satisfy his requirements.

Dr. Sheldon was most cooperative and understanding and accepted our limiting his access to noncompartmented intelligence. NASA, which sponsored his compartmented clearances and concurs in our position, will administratively adjust his clearance status accordingly. Dr. Sheldon will continue to have access to non-compartmented classified intelligence made available for his review at NASA Headquarters under existing arrangements.

In addition, Dr. Sheldon may contact my office anytime the material received does not meet a special requirement and we will handle such reports directly with him. To assure the protection of classified information, Dr. Sheldon has agreed to submit all proposed unclassified publications, in any way related to intelligence, to CIA for a security review.

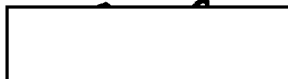
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We feel confident that Dr. Sheldon's work for the Subcommittee will not be impaired. Our people clearly recognize and appreciate the valuable contribution by Dr. Sheldon to keep the Congress and the public informed on a subject of such high interest.

Your cooperation in this matter is most appreciated. I look forward to working with you and the Committee in the next Congress. Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance. We will be more than happy to help wherever we can.

*Best Personal  
Regards*

Sincerely,



Frederick P. Hitz

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